GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:158
ANSWERED ON:27.07.2016
Target Olympic Podium Scheme
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sportspersons selected for participating in Rio Olympics,2016, sports-wise;
(b) the salient features of the Target Olympic Podium (TOP) Scheme;
(c) the details of funds sanctioned under TOP Scheme for each discipline/event with names of the recipient;
(d) whether training plan of sportspersons has been upset due to shortcomings in administration of TOP scheme and participants have expressed dissatisfaction in this regard; and
(e) if so, the steps taken by the Ministry to streamline preparation for Rio Olympics?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI VIJAY GOEL)
(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the table of the House.
STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (E) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.158 TO BE ANSWERED ON 27-07-2016 REGARDING TARGET OLYMPIC PODIUM SCHEME BY SHRI CH.MALLA REDDY AND SHRI MUTHAMSETTI SRINIVASA RAO (AVANTHI).
(a): 120 sportspersons have earned quota places for participation in Rio Olympics 2016. Number of quota places earned sports-wise is given in following table:
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No.
Name of the Discipline Quota Places
1 Archery 04
2 Athletics 36
3 Badminton 07
4 Boxing 03
5 Gymnastic 01
6 Hockey 32
7 Rowing 01
8 Shooting 12
9 Table Tennis 04
10 Tennis 04
11 Wrestling 08
12 Weightlifting 02
13 Judo 01
14 Golf 03
15 Swimming 02
Total 120</pre>
(b): Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports have formulated a programme, namely, Target Olympic Podium (TOP) Scheme within the overall ambit of National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) with the objectives of identifying and supporting potential medal prospects for 2016 and 2020 Olympic Games. The selected athletes are being provided financial assistance for their customised training at Institutes having world class facilities and other necessary support. Benchmark for selection of athletes under the Scheme is in relation to international standards and consistency in performance. The Athletes, who are prospective medal winners, have been identified through a process of research and consultation with the National Sports Federations and National Coaches/Experts of the relevant disciplines.
(c): The details of funds sanctioned under TOP Scheme and Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs) for each discipline/ event

with names of the recipient are given in Annexure-I.
(d) & (e): Proposals of athletes, under TOP Scheme, for training and other requirements are being processed on top priority to ensure timely approval and release of fund. At times, complete details of their customized training program have not been made available by athletes resulting in some delay in releasing the money. This has been remedied by streaming the procedure by setting up a Sub-Committee headed by Director General, Sports Authority of India (SAI); which monitors each case on day to day basis and takes appropriate decision to ensure that the athletes get all necessary support in time; Officers from SAI have been designated for each discipline to advise/assist the athletes in preparing their training plan etc. A Whats App group has also been constituted to get feedback from athletes and address the issues raised by them immediately.
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